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NEW TELEPHONE EXCHANGES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up new telephone exchanges in the country, State-wise, particularly in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Bihar during the year 2002-03;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total amount likely to be spent thereon; and

(d) by when all the old telephone exchanges are likely to be modernised?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. S PASWAN)

(a) & (b): Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited(BSNL)and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) haveproposed to set up new Telephone Exchanges in the country during the year 2002-2003. The State-wise details are at Annexure. New Telephone Exchanges proposed in States of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Bihar are 49, 50 and 34 respectively.

(c) The estimated amount likely to be spent by BSNL and MTNL is Rupees 9788.33 Crores.

(d) All the old Telephone Exchanges have already been phased out and the network is fully digitalised.

ANNEXURE

STATE-WISE LIST OF NO. OF NEW TELEPHONE EXCHANGES PROPOSED TO BE SET UP DURING 2002-2003.

Name of State/Union Territory	Number of New Telephone Exchanges proposed to be set up during 2002-2003
Andaman & Nicobar	02
Andhra Pradesh	150
Assam	44
Bihar	34
Chhattisgarh	25
Delhi	22
Gujarat @	18
Haryana	30
Himachal Pradesh	53
Jammu & Kashmir	10
Jharkhand	17
Karnataka	34
Kerala ++	40
Madhya Pradesh	49
Maharashtra +	200
North East $	44
Orissa	40
Punjab	74
Rajasthan	50
Tamil Nadu #	99
Uttaranchal	49
Uttar Pradesh	76
West Bengal +++	171
Total:	1331

Note: @ includes Dadar & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu.
++ includes Lakshdweep
+ includes Goa
$ includes Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura
includes Chandigarh
includes Pondicherry
+++ includes Sikkim